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STAFF READING SUGGESTIONS

The Book Bucket List:

100 BOOKS TO READ DURING YOUR LIFETIME

This recommended reading list includes fiction and non-fiction titles, books from a wide variety of genres, classics and popular reads. It also includes books written in a wide variety of eras, cultures, and literary styles. There are books written for children, as well as, those written for adults (both young and older).

What this list does not include are the scriptural writings of any religion. We encourage everyone to explore the writings upon which the world's religions are based. However, including the scriptures from even just the largest religions in the world (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Shinto) would take up a sizable portion of this list and make it impossible to include many other worthy titles. Further, including the writings of only a select group of religions could be misunderstood as an endorsement of the beliefs or teachings of those religions. If you are interested in reading the scriptures of any religion, a library staff member can help you locate these writings.



The Book Bucket List is arranged alphabetically by title. If a book is a part of a series, the series name has been included, in case you want to read more. The Newport News Library owns at least one copy of all these works.







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- 1984 (1949) George Orwell
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1884) Mark Twain
- The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (1891-92) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (1865) Lewis Carroll
- Animal Farm (1945) George Orwell
- Anna Karenina (1873-77) Leo Tolstoy
- The Art of War (c. 500 BCE) Sun Tzu
- Atlas Shrugged (1957) Ayn Rand
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X (1965)
 Malcolm X with Alex Haley
- Beloved (1987) Toni Morrison
- The Big Sleep (1939) Raymond Chandler
- Black Beauty: the autobiography of a horse (1877) Anna Sewell
- Bleak House (1852-53) Charles Dickens
- Brave New World (1932) Aldous Huxley
- A Brief History of Time (1986) Stephen Hawking
- The Call of the Wild (1903) Jack London
- The Canterbury Tales (c. 1387-1400) Geoffrey
 Chaucer o Catch 22 (1961) Joseph Heller
- The Catcher in the Rye (1951) J.D. Salinger
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (1964)
 Roald Dahl
- *Charlotte's Web* (1952) E.B. White
- Cloud Atlas (2004) David Mitchell
- The Coldest Winter Ever (1999) Sister Souljah
- The Color of Water (1995) James McBride
- The Color Purple (1982) Alice Walker



- The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (c. 1590-1613)
 William Shakespeare
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time (2003) Mark
 Haddon
- David Copperfield (1849-50) Charles Dickens
- The Da Vinci Code (Robert Langdon Novels) –
 (2003) Dan Brown
- The Diary of a Young Girl (1947) Anne Frank
- The Divine Comedy (c. 1308-20) Dante Alighieri
- Dopefiend (1971) Donald Goines
- *Dracula* (1897) Bram Stoker
- Dune (Dune Saga series) (1965) Frank Herbert
- Ender's Game (Ender Wiggin series) (1985) Orson Scott Card
- Fahrenheit 451 (1953) Ray Bradbury
- Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (1971) Hunter S. Thompson
- Flowers for Algernon (1966) Daniel Keyes
- Frankenstein or the Modern Prometheus (1818) Mary Shelley
- Game of Thrones (Song of Ice and Fire series) (1996) George R.R.
 Martin
- *The Giver* (1993) Lois Lowry
- Gone Girl (2012) Gillian Flynn
- Gone with the Wind (1936) Margaret Mitchell
- The Great Gatsby (1925) F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Gulliver's Travels (1726) Jonathan Swift
- Guns, Germs & Steel: the fates of human societies (1997) Jared
 Diamond
- The Handmaid's Tale (1985) Margaret Atwood
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (Harry Potter series) –
 (1997) J.K. Rowling
- The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter (1940) Carson McCullers
- Heart of Darkness (1899) Joseph Conrad
- The Hunger Games (Hunger Games trilogy) (2008) Suzanne Collins

- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks (2010) Rebecca Skloot
- In Cold Blood: a true account of a multiple murder
 & its consequences 1965) Truman Capote
- Invisible Man (1952) Ralph Ellison
- *It* (1986) Stephen King
- Jane Eyre (1847) Charlotte Bronte
- The Kite Runner (2003) Khaled Hosseini
- The Last of the Mohicans (1826) James Fenimore Cooer
- *Life of Pi* (2001) Yann Martel
- The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson & the Olympians series) –
 (2005) Rick Riordan
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Chronicles of Narnia series) –
 (1950) C.S. Lewis
- The Little Prince (1943) Antoine de Saint-Exupery
- Lolita (1955) Vladimir Nabokov
- The Lord of the Rings (written in three parts) (1954-55) J.R.R.
 Tolkien
- Love in the Time of Cholera (1985) Gabriel Garcia Marguez
- Madame Bovary (1856) Gustave Flaubert
- Memoirs of a Geisha (1997) Arthur Golden
- Midnight's Children (1981) Salman Rushdie
- les Miserables (1862) Victor Hugo
- Moby Dick or the Whale (1851) Herman Melville
- The Murder of Roger Ackroyd (1926) Agatha Christie
- The Name of the Rose (1980) Umberto Eco
- Of Mice and Men (The Labor trilogy) (1937) John Steinbeck
- The Picture of Dorian Gray (1890) Oscar Wilde
- Pimp (1967) Iceberg Slim
- Presumed Innocent (1987) Scott Turow
- **Pride and Prejudice** (1813) Jane Austen
- Rebecca (1938) Daphne du Maurier
- Riders of the Purple Sage (1912) Zane Grey
- The Road (2006) Cormac McCarthy
- Robinson Crusoe –(1719) Daniel Defoe
- The Scarlet Letter (1850) Nathaniel Hawthorne





- Slaughterhouse Five or the Children's Crusade (1969) Kurt
 Vonnegut
- The Sound and the Fury (1929) William Faulkner
- The Spy Who Came in from the Cold (George Smiley novels) (1963)
 John Le Carre
- *The Sun also Rises* (1926) Ernest Hemingway
- The Tales & Poems of Edgar Allen Poe (1826-48) Edgar Allen Poe
- Tess of the D'Urbervilles (1891) Thomas Hardy
- Things Fall Apart (African Trilogy) (1958) Chinua Achebe
- The Three Musketeers (1844) Alexandre Dumas
- The Time Traveler's Wife (2003) Audrey Niffenegger
- To Kill a Mockingbird (1960) Harper Lee
- The Turn of the Screw (1898) Henry James
- Ulysses (1922) James Joyce
- The Virginian: a horseman of the plains (1902) Owen
 Wister
- The War of the Worlds (1897) H.G. Wells
- Watership Down (1972) Richard Adams
- The Wind in the Willows (1908) Kenneth Grahame
- The Woman in White (1859-60) Wilkie Collins
- Wuthering Heights (1847) Emily Bronte

